



CONSIDERING A CAREER IN RESPIRATORY?



VOLUNTEER at a LOCAL HOSPITAL TO OBSERVE A RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

WHAT DOES A RESPIRATORY THERAPIST DO?

Assess breathing issues, Assist in Cardiac resuscitation and Respiratory Arrest

Clear the airways and Give breathing treatments to asthmatics and COPD patients

Assist breathing with Bipaps and Ventilators, Attend high-risk infant deliveries, wean post-surgical patients from Ventilators (after heart/lung transplant, valve replacement, or bypass surgery)

Pulmonary function testing and rehabilitation, Sleep Testing, Airway clearance and lung strengthening tests, obtain bloodwork and assist in respiratory procedures such as chest tube placement, bronchoscopies and arterial line insertions

- **College level-assist as an Equipment Tech within the Respiratory department**



- **While in Respiratory Program—after the first clinical semester: Respiratory care Assistant (can work under a student limited license)**



- **Associate's Degree—Begin working as a CRT within the first year and obtain RRT licensure within one year to transition to a Registered Respiratory Therapist**



Additional Career Advancement Opportunities

- **Bachelor's Degree—required to move into leadership roles such as Supervisor (usually requires multiple years of service within the department after acquiring RRT)**



- **Master's Degree –Teach respiratory classes, Assist in Education or become a Manager/Director of a Respiratory Program or Hospital (additional 2 years on top of the Bachelor's degree)**



- **APRT-Advance Practice Respiratory Therapist (equivalent of APRN for Nursing) additional 2 years.**

Below is a list of Tristate area Universities that offer a Respiratory program in the Northern KY Area

NKU – Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care

- Specific admission requirements
- Selective admission process
- 4-year plan with opportunity to advance to Master's

Visit NKU.EDU: College of Health and Human Services for additional information.

Cincinnati State – Associates of Applied Science in Respiratory Care

- Specific admission requirements
- Selective admission process
- 2-year plan

Visit CincinnatiState.edu for additional information

University of Cincinnati Clermont – Associates of Applied Science in Respiratory Care

- Specific admission requirements
- Selective admission process
- Offers transition process to obtain Bachelor's of Science in Respiratory Care

Visit Ucclermont.edu for additional information

Morehead State University – Associates of Applied Science in Respiratory care

- Specific admission requirements
- Selective admission process
- 2-year plan

Visit moreheadstate.edu for additional information

Bellarmine University – Bachelor of Health Science in Respiratory Therapy

- Specific admission requirements
- Selective admission process
- 4-year plan with opportunities to advance to a Master's

Visit belleramine.edu for additional information